

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 42-49. All pending claims are reproduced below.

1 1. (Original) A keypad, comprising:

2 a plurality of keys; and

3 a flexible carrier contacting the plurality of keys, the flexible carrier having

4 openings therein between the plurality of keys.

1 2. (Original)The keypad of claim 1, wherein the openings between the plurality

2 of keys do not contact the plurality of keys.

1 3. (Original) The keypad of claim 1, wherein the plurality of keys are formed as

2 a unitary part of the flexible carrier.

1 4. (Original) The keypad of claim 1, further including attachment means for at-

2 taching the plurality of keys to the flexible carrier.

1 5. (Original) The keypad of claim 1, wherein at least some of the openings are

2 cruciform-shaped.

1 6. (Original) The keypad of claim 1, wherein at least some of the openings are

2 round.

1 7. (Original) The keypad of claim 1, wherein at least some of the openings are

2 oval shaped.

1 8. (Original) The keypad of claim 1, wherein at least two of the openings have
2 different shapes.

1 9. (Original) The keypad of claim 1, wherein the openings divide the flexible
2 carrier into multiple parts.

1 10. (Original) The keypad of claim 9, wherein the multiple parts are multiple
2 columns.

1 11. (Original) The keypad of claim 9, wherein the multiple parts are multiple
2 rows.

1 12. (Original) The keypad of claim 9, wherein the multiple parts have a zig-zag
2 shaped edge.

1 13. (Original) The keypad of claim 1, wherein the openings divide the flexible
2 carrier into at least two serpentine-shaped parts.

1 14. (Original) The keypad of claim 1, wherein the openings form at least one slot
2 in the flexible carrier.

1 15. (Original) The keypad of claim 1, the flexible carrier having cutouts in an
2 outer perimeter of the flexible carrier.

1 16. (Original) The keypad of claim 15, wherein the cutouts in the outer perime-
2 ter occur in accordance with locations of the plurality of keys.

1 17. (Original) The keypad of claim 1, wherein the openings in the flexible carrier
2 occur in accordance with locations of the plurality of keys.

1 18. (Original) The keypad of claim 1, wherein the openings serve to decouple
2 the plurality of keys from each other.

1 19. (Original) The keypad of claim 1, wherein at least one of the plurality of keys
2 is tactilely differentiated from others of the keys.

1 20. (Original) The keypad of claim 1, wherein at least one of the plurality of keys
2 are domed.

1 21. (Original) The keypad of claim 1, wherein at least one of the plurality of keys
2 is bowl-shaped.

1 22. (Original) The keypad of claim 1, wherein at least one of the plurality of keys
2 has an inverted dimple thereon.

1 23. (Original) The keypad of claim 1, wherein at least one of the plurality of keys
2 has a peak thereon.

1 24. (Original) A keypad, comprising:

2 a plurality of keys, each key having an actuator; and
3 a flexible carrier surrounding the plurality of keys and having an opening
4 for each actuator and having additional openings between the ac-
5 tuators, the additional openings serving to decouple the plurality of
6 keys.

1 25. (Original) The keypad of claim 24, wherein at least one of the actuators con-
2 tacts a snap dome when the actuator is in a pressed condition.

1 26. (Original) The keypad of claim 24, wherein the openings between the plural-
2 ity of keys do not contact the plurality of keys.

1 27. (Original) The keypad of claim 24, wherein at least some of the additional
2 openings are cruciform-shaped.

1 28. (Original) The keypad of claim 24 wherein at least some of the additional
2 openings are round.

1 29 (Original) The keypad of claim 24 wherein at least some of the additional
2 openings are oval shaped.

1 30. (Original) The keypad of claim 24 wherein at least two of the additional
2 openings have different shapes.

1 31. (Original) The keypad of claim 24 wherein the additional openings divide
2 the flexible carrier into multiple parts.

1 32. (Original) The keypad of claim 31, wherein the multiple parts are multiple
2 columns.

1 33. (Original) The keypad of claim 31, wherein the multiple parts are multiple
2 rows.

1 34. (Original) The keypad of claim 31, wherein the multiple parts have a zig-zag
2 shaped edge.

1 35. (Original) The keypad of claim 24, wherein the openings divide the flexible
2 carrier into at least two serpentine-shaped parts.

1 36. (Original) The keypad of claim 24, wherein the openings form at least one
2 slot in the flexible carrier.

1 37. (Original) The keypad of claim 24, an edge of the flexible carrier having cut-
2 outs in an outer perimeter of the edge.

1 38. (Original) The keypad of claim 37, wherein the cutouts in the flexible pe-
2 rimeter occur in accordance with locations of the plurality of keys.

1 39. (Original) The keypad of claim 24, wherein the openings in the flexible car-
2 rier occur in accordance with locations of the plurality of keys.

1 40. (Original) The keypad of claim 24, wherein the openings serve to decouple
2 the plurality of keys from each other.

1 41. (Original) The keypad of claim 24, wherein at least one of the plurality of
2 keys is tactilely differentiated from others of the keys.

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